

Ottawa, Week by Week

(By DEAN WILSON)

Gravity of Situation

The so-called political crisis has been assumed, considerably in Ottawa by the 143 to 70 favourable vote of confidence for the Government on an amended motion. "What this House will aid the Government in maintaining a vigorous war effort." But the latest stories heard now backstage along Parliament Hill since the special session closed seem to impress so deeply this veteran observer with the actual gravity of the war situation at this moment that it cannot be said that conditions may not occur that it may not be beyond any possibility to warrant some change of present plan, though this Parliament stands adjourned to January 31, 1945. It is evident that circumstances will alone decide. The serious demerit and anxiety expressed in the faces of leaders in this nation's capital at this time do not suggest at all that the stormy political horizon has been cleared completely by the recent special session. The political climate merely appears to have abated for a short time only. There are hints behind the scenes that it may be temporary. Indeed, even if there are signs on the outside that the political tension has been eased to some extent on the matter of reinforcements for overseas, depending greatly on happenings abroad.

Embarkation Leave For Draftees

In answer to the popular query if draftees conscripted for overseas service will be given embarkation leave, it can be stated here that information has disclosed in Ottawa that these men will be allowed embarkation leave.

No Basis For Allegations

Any misunderstanding caused by critical comment on the much talked of Order-In-Council which was passed in the recent momentous emergency session, and which made 16,000 draftees available for overseas service, it must be mentioned immediately that the highest authorities in Ottawa hold that no promises have been made to anyone that 16,000 is the limit. This is mentioned at this time on account of a widely circulated allegation that 16,000 is the final limit. Such allegation is not true, according to the best sources in Ottawa.

Canada's Policy In Liberated Lands

In view of the uncertainty in the mind of the man-in-the-street across this country about the attitude of Canadian Government toward the events which have taken place in liberated countries like Greece, Belgium and Italy, involving statements

of the greatest importance by Prime Minister Churchill of Britain and the United States State Department, it must be reported that Premier King has made a statement, on the affairs of Canada and that he has stressed two questions pertaining to this same matter. "I should like to make a difficult and ungrateful job even more difficult to perform by offering comment from this distance so day developments, making it with which the main responsibility must inevitably fall on the allied commanders," said Canada's Prime Minister in part. "The three countries mentioned are all theatres of active operations, in which the needs of the war against Germany must be the chief factor in framing policy. In Italy, and indeed even in Greece, the corruption of the political situation and the desire for control complicated their destruction. It has, therefore, been extremely difficult to impose rapidly and to representative administration, pending the re-establishment of democratic institutions, under which the political situation clearly rests with the people. Transient difficulties and disturbances exist but, however, created any doubt in any man's mind as to the determination of the United Nations to respect the rights of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live."

Merry Christmas
Lathbridge Experimental Station
Winter Letter

Merry Christmas—one word sent year after year brings from friends a greeting that is given only if sincerely meant. Only two words but so significant the greeting that it brings has lighted up a better way of expressing it. Only two words, but in them is wrapped up the happiest message of our lives.

This is the wish, war Christmas and the dim light kindled at the end of the long dark tunnel forever ago has distinctly brightened. Perhaps this will be our last war Christmas and next year our first of an endless number of "peace on earth, Christmas."

Christmas is the time of greetings—the time when people truthfully say things to one another. We can truthfully say that Canadians as a whole have every reason to be proud of their efforts in the war years. Coming to our own period, interest the producers of food, we can say that they have done an excellent job in spite of many difficulties.

With these thoughts the staff of the Lathbridge Experimental Station offers their many friends the old familiar greeting—Merry Christmas.

British railways now employ more than 130,000 women in 320 different capacities.

Minutes M.D. Council of Starland, No. 277

The regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Starland, No. 277, was held at Morris on Tuesday, December 13th, 1944, at 7:30 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, on motion of coun. Rowe.

The Rates and Councilors of the Village of Mounson were present in connection with the matter of maintenance of the storm road leading to the said village, and after discussion it was moved by Reeve Waters and carried, that the Council do authorize the said Village of Mounson to purchase the land, subject to the approval of the Minister, the sum of \$200.00 and be accepted in full payment of arrears of taxes to the R.E. 20-13, sec. 13.

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A GOOD PLACE TO DEAL

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The Delia Times
 Has Pleasure in Wishing
 A Happy Xmas and
 A Prosperous New Year
 To all its Readers

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT
 Christmas is here again.
 Something happens to people,
 to the whole world, at Christmas time. It has been the same
 right down the ages. Even Rome
 felt the spirit that came from
 its catacombs.

In spite of all the tragedy that
 clouds the world today, in this
 the fifth year of war, Christmas
 will always remain a time of
 victory. There will be no
 chairs at many tables this year.
 Some will never be filled again.
 But there can be no defeat in
 the hearts of people who have
 the true Christmas spirit.

The birth, the life, the death
 in apparent defeat, of Jesus
 Christ, have stood the test of all
 these years. Nothing the world
 has ever known so completely
 answers the longings, the fears
 and the disappointments of us
 all.

In the spirit of Christmas
 the hates, the prejudices, the
 false desires, all melt away.
 This is the secret, in it, of
 the new world we all want.
 Somewhere we have lost that
 singleness of purpose that made
 the Wise Men keep on following
 the star. We have become com-
 plicated and look to new systems
 of man-made schemes, because
 we won't humble our pride and
 like the Wise Men, kneel in sin-
 cere obedience before the manger.
 Just as the Babe of Bethlehem
 ushered in a new world, so every
 Christmas we have another
 chance of building the new world
 that He and man since have
 died for. Perhaps on Christmas
 Eve as we kneel to our stars and
 angels we can ask God to show us
 how we can help to make this
 Xmas spirit permanent. Maybe
 it will be an apology that will
 heal some grudge or misunder-
 standing. Whatever it is, the
 hope of a new world lies in the
 spirit that comes from obedience
 to these inner promptings. This
 is the reality of true peace on
 earth and good will towards men.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
 From Commissioner Benjamin Oakes
 of the Salvation Army

Once again, in the Season of
 the Birthday of the Christ Child,
 people want to give or share not
 only their worldly goods, but the
 many small happinesses of life
 that make this, of all seasons,
 the year the most unforgettable.

Unfortunately for many people,
 the sharing stops with the
 Christmas Season. We hear
 many stories these days, from
 the occupied countries. They
 say themselves, that many of
 them for the first time, know
 what it is to share—their daily
 bread—the small luxuries that
 may, once in a long while, make
 their way—but most of all, the
 small incidents of daily living
 and companionship.

In this fifth Christmas of a
 world at war, of the Salva-
 tion Army, pause to offer a
 special prayer of thankfulness
 for the coming year. We may
 look for Peace, and that this
 bond of fellowship may be one
 of the cornerstones. We recog-
 nize the gigantic tasks we have
 to make this a lasting Peace, and
 with the spirit of the Christ
 Child ever before us, we cannot
 fail.

CRISIS AND CURE—2
 Ottawa, Dec. 6th.

Our political and national struc-
 ture which nearly toppled last
 week seems to have righted it-
 self today. The galleries of the
 House are no longer jammed
 with spectators. Ottawa seems
 strangely quiet. It is an un-
 healthy mentality that feeds on
 the sensationalism of a crisis and
 then forgets about it when it is
 over. But that is exactly our
 danger today.

The re-enforcement issue may
 be temporarily settled, but for
 those who want to read the signs
 of the times the whole affair has
 revealed a very serious break in

NOTICE

Several landers will be received by
 the undersigned for the purchase of the
 following lands in south on Tuesday,
 January 10th, 1945, viz:—
 S.W. 24 30-19-4 N.E. 36-32-17-4
 N.E. 1-32-17-4 S.E. 1-33-17-4
 The above lands are offered for sale
 subject to existing liens.

The holders of any tender not suc-
 cessfully made,
 Delia, Alberta, this 19th
 day of December, 1944.
 J. E. HOOVER, Secretary,
 Treasurer, Municipal Dis-
 trict of Delia, S.D.

our body politic. "A multitude
 of little wrongs," said Lord Har-
 fax recently, "by inconspicuous
 men and women may pave the
 approach to some crowning in-
 famy which spells a people's
 doom."

Politically the crisis has been
 weathered, but the fundamental
 and much more serious moral
 crisis still remains to be answer-
 ed. There are too many of us
 who still think that a great na-
 tion can be built out of people
 who are concerned only with
 their own interests.

Our men at the front have set
 us a great example. Said Lord Har-
 fax, "Delia, CBC war correspondent,
 who has just returned from over-
 seas, said here in Ottawa last
 week that there is no dissimilarity
 among Canadian soldiers over-
 seas. He also told of a conver-
 sation between Fittler and Mar-
 shal Rommel on D-day plus three
 when Rommel admitted that a
 bridge-head had been established
 because "nobody could have
 been expected to do what the
 Canadians have done." Fight-
 ing for common objectives greater
 than themselves, our men have
 found a comradeship and unity
 which can and must be ex-
 perimented on the home front.

We, in Canada, can probably
 learn a lesson from what is hap-
 pening in Europe today. Now
 that the enemy is attacking, the
 real battle for control is begin-
 ning. People there are realizing
 that a divided, planless people
 cannot make Democracy a force
 strong enough to combat revolu-
 tionary philosophies. In Europe
 and in Canada a sound, national
 structure cannot be built on
 the cheap. We can do no more
 repair jobs. But the only real
 solution lies in the answer to
 Lord Halifax's warning, namely
 a multitude of right decisions—
 of putting country before self—
 on the part of ordinary men and
 women all across this country.

—Full Texting Service From Service.

Local and District

Owing to pressure on our space
 we are compelled to hold over
 some local items.

Mrs. John Sakulak and Jackie
 left by train Tuesday morning on
 a visit to Calgary.

Miss Ruth Craig, who attends
 Mount Royal College in Calgary,
 arrived home Friday night for
 the Xmas holidays.

There will be a meeting of the
 local branch Canadian Legion
 held in the Armouries on Satur-
 day eve, next, Dec. 30, at 9 p.m.

Miss Muriel Gibson, who is
 attending Mount Royal College
 in Calgary, arrived home Friday
 night for the Xmas holidays with
 her parents.

HOAR—Born to F.O. and Mrs.
 C. R. Hoar (nee Beth Hewson),
 at Vancouver General Hospital,
 November 28, 1944, a daughter
 (Joanne Elizabeth).

The weather turned much more
 the beginning of this week
 with strong winds and snow-
 flurries. Clear skies prevailed
 Wednesday, with the temperature
 16 above.

ALBERTA FARMERS' UNION
 Local Organized

At a well attended meeting held
 at the home of C. E. Hudson on
 Friday, Dec. 15, a local of the Al-
 berta Farmers' Union was formed.
 Spokesman Chester Martin, Al-
 bert vice-president of the Union; and
 George Kropinski, of Consort, di-
 rector for District 11.

Officers elected were:—Charles E.
 Hudson, president; H. M. Wilson,
 vice-president; G. H. Newton, sec-
 retary-treasurer; Directors, C. H.
 Hay, T. F. Martin, R. H. Wood
 and Howard Brown.
 42 members have been signed up



Christmas Greetings To All

Though the family circle be smaller
 this Christmas and the merriment be
 tempered by thoughts of loved faces
 far away, it will be Christmas still,
 as beautiful and as holy as ever.

To you and yours at home and abroad, the Staff of

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joins in the Greeting expressed on their behalf by

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To all our Customers,
 whom we have faithfully
 tried to serve, we wish

A Merry Xmas
 and a
 Happy and Prosperous
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Will see the Queen's Hotel, at
 Delia the second and third Saturday
 of each month.

RADIO

The following are among the high-
 lights of programs to be heard over
 the stations on Thursday, Friday,
 Saturday and Sunday, December 21,
 22, 23, and 24. All time mention-
 ed are Mountain Daylight Time.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
 6:00 p.m. Drama.
 6:30 "Voice of Victory."
 7:00 Ring Crosby Radio Hall.
 7:30 "Radio Stars."
 8:00 CBC National News.
 8:30 "Radio Stars."
 9:00 "Radio Stars."
 9:30 "Radio Stars."
 10:00 "Radio Stars."
 10:30 "Radio Stars."
 11:00 "Radio Stars."
 11:30 "Radio Stars."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
 6:00 p.m. The Victory Parade.
 6:30 "Voice of Victory."
 7:00 "Voice of Victory."
 7:30 "Voice of Victory."
 8:00 "Voice of Victory."
 8:30 "Voice of Victory."
 9:00 "Voice of Victory."
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
 6:00 p.m. The Victory Parade.
 6:30 "Voice of Victory."
 7:00 "Voice of Victory."
 7:30 "Voice of Victory."
 8:00 "Voice of Victory."
 8:30 "Voice of Victory."
 9:00 "Voice of Victory."
 9:30 "Voice of Victory."
 10:00 "Voice of Victory."
 10:30 "Voice of Victory."
 11:00 "Voice of Victory."
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
 6:00 p.m. The Victory Parade.
 6:30 "Voice of Victory."
 7:00 "Voice of Victory."
 7:30 "Voice of Victory."
 8:00 "Voice of Victory."
 8:30 "Voice of Victory."
 9:00 "Voice of Victory."
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Peace Will Return

—and like the Star that
 Shone on Bethlehem,
 bring new hope and
 spirit to the peoples of
 the world.

Once again we wish
 our friends at Home, and
 across the Seas . . .

A Glad Christmas—
 A Peaceful New Year



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Season's Greetings!

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Wishing to one and all

A Merry Christmas

—and—

A Happy and Prosperous
 New Year

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Hand time . . . 2:00 p.m.
 11:00 a.m. Come and Worship

Delia Inter-Denominational
 Sunday School

In the old school building every
 Sunday at 11 a.m.

Rev. M. J. H. Hefner
 Rectory Delia

Rev. E. Taylor, Minister,
 Sunday School . . . 11:00 a.m.
 Services of Worship . . . 1:30 p.m.
 Add in Advance Sunday
 School . . . 11:00 a.m.

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No change in arrival or departure times
 For full particulars, enquire Local Ticket Agent. Phone 15

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TO OUR MANY

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Wishes its many Patrons

A Very Happy Christmas

—and—
 A Prosperous New Year